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1. ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, LAO NATIONAL RADIO AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER "SIENG PASASON" CARRIED THE FOLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT:

"IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE WORK OF SIENG PASASON NEWSPAPER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORK OF PATHET LAO NEWS AGENCY (KPL), BEGINNING FEBRUARY 23 THE OFFICE OF SIENG PASASON WILL BE MOVED TO THE SAME OFFICE AS KPL IN THE BUILDING OF THE FORMER LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION..."

2. AT CHARGE'S WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY RECEPTION (FEB 29) MINISTER OF INFORMATION SISANA SISANE TOLD PAO HE APPRECIATED THE WAY LAA WAS HANDED OVER TO THE LAO. "THEY GAVE US EVERYTHING. THIS IS ONE KIND OF ASSISTANCE."

3. SISANE WENT ON TO SAY LAA WAS ABOLISHED BECAUSE ITS LAST PRESIDENT HAD FLED AND BECAUSE IN PAST YEARS THE PRESIDENTS HAD NOT ALWAYS BEEN LAO. SISANE STATED THAT ANY BI-NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP OR CULTURAL ASSOCIATION IN LAOS MUST ALWAYS HAVE A LAO AS HEAD WHILE IN THE OTHER COUNTRY ONE OF THEIR NATIONALS

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IS IN CHARGE. THE LAO-CHINESE (SIC), LAO-SOVIET AND LAO-

VIETNAMESE WERE CITED AS EXAMPLES.

4. SISANA ALSO INDICATED THAT THE QUESTION OF FOREIGN
LANGUAGE TEACHING IN LAOS IS UNDER REVIEW.
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